

**June 2006**

*News from the  
Southeast Region Civil Air Patrol  
Col John Tilton, Commander*

# ReCAP

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## ELT from oldest B-24 still flying

*By Maj Pat Mitcham*

Emergency Locator Transmitters have been found hidden in barns, in trunks of cars, in hangers, and in airplanes. Huntsville Composite Squadron took a step into history to find one on the 16th of May in the oldest B-24 still flying.

Huntsville personnel were sent to find an ELT in the North Alabama area on Monday, May 15th. After searching Huntsville International, a non-operational crop duster field in the area and Pryor Field in Decatur, the ground team was unable to find anything and the signal disappeared. The mission was closed by AFRCC after three passes by SAR-SATs without detecting a signal.

On Tuesday, another signal was detected by SAR-SAT and a new mission was opened and a Huntsville team was dispatched.

This time all signals were located on or around Huntsville International Airport. The clearly distinguishable ELT signal was

not present and only the carrier was being transmitted. In coordination with Airport Security and personnel in the FAA tower, the search team searched the airport for the elusive signal. After several hours of searching AFRCC concluded it was a “non-distress” event since there were no reported missing or overdue aircraft in or near the area at the time of the search. The decision was made to postpone the search until the next day.

One last DF sweep around the Airport was going to be the final sortie of the day. The carrier wave was suddenly isolated to the B-24 that had just taxied up on the ramp

SAT hits from the day before and the

“elusive” carrier signal on the ground on and around the airport on the 16th. A malfunctioning ELT was found in the tail section of the “Diamond Lil,” the oldest B-24 still flying. The B-24 is owned and operated by the Commemorative Air Force.

“Diamond Lil was the 25th of over 18,000 built,” according to their website.

It was to have been delivered to Great Britain in 1941, but was involved in an accident. Repaired, it has flown as a transport plane for various companies until the CAF acquired it in 1967. “Old 927 ... was put in the paint scheme and markings of the 98th Bomb Group of the 9th Air Force” in 1971.

The search team was able to look inside the “Diamond Lil” and talk with the crew that had brought it to Huntsville on tour.

*Maj Mitcham is the ALWG Director of Public Affairs.*



**1st Lt Ian Johnston,  
Capt Barry Roberts,  
and Lt Col Gene  
Mitcham**

*Photo by Maj P. Mitcham*



**The Diamond ‘Lil’ on a rainy runway at Huntsville  
International Airport** *Photo by Lt Col Gene Mitcham*

outside Signature Aviation. The B-24 had arrived the day before, on tour, and had been taking fans on rides around Huntsville since its arrival. Thus the scattered SAR-



# Commander's Comments

## A Word from the SER Commander

This seems to be the time for inspections. Florida Wing and Puerto Rico Wing just completed a SAV (Staff Assistance Visitation). The preliminary reports are that both did well. Alabama Wing is having its CI (Compliance Inspection) this month and they are ready. Good work to all, and thanks to those who take the time to prepare for the inspection and the inspectors. Our well wishes go out to all involved.

It's easy to say, "keep everything current and the inspection will be no problem," but we all know how that goes. Inspections take a lot of work, and squadron commanders, your help is critical in getting the Wing's paperwork up to date. When you get that last-minute call for copies, please just send them as fast as you can. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and patience.

We are having a Staff meeting this month and I hope to meet with each staff section and do some reviewing. I am asking for your projected budgets for next year and your plan of action. It will be nice to put a face with a name... mine included. Since several wing commanders will not be available, it will not be a Commander's Call. I look forward to seeing the staff June 24 at the Cabot Lodge, in Tallahassee, FL.

Summer is almost here and it is one of our busiest seasons. Let's hope Mother Nature gives us a rest. If not, we have plenty of backup in the region and the corporation. Each member needs to be ready and prepared, on a CAP-member basis, and in your own homes. Too many people neglect having a well-stocked home survival kit. If we're prepared we can take care of our families, and be a help to our neighbors. And, after all, that's part of the reason we joined the Civil Air Patrol program. You may not be called, but you should be ready.

There have been a number of losses within our Southeast Region community this month. I send condolences to the families of members, and loved ones of members, in their difficult time. We are a family in CAP. Let's always remember that and encourage one another along the way.

### Mark Your Calendar


24 June	SER Staff Meeting, Tallahassee, FL
24 June-1 July	MSWG /ALWG Encampment, Gulf Port
22-29 July	SER Staff College, Knoxville, TN
8-9 August	National Board, Reno, NV

As we begin hurricane season, our Quote of the month:

**"The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining."**

—John F. Kennedy

### Happy Birthday Staff Members



Bartolo Ortiz, 6/10  
Charles Clement, 6/16  
Guillermo "Willie" Heredia, 6/17  
David Garner, 6/19  
Richard Greenwood, 6/20  
Tomas Larsen, 6/30

### June Service Anniversaries

Hugh Stewart, 5 Years  
Norma Wendt, 6 Years  
Raymond Hayden, 7 Years  
John Moore, 8 Years  
Thomas Carson, 8 Years  
Jean DuBois, 9 Years  
Richard Greenwood, 14 Years  
Alfonzo Jackson, 15 Years  
Edward Vinson, 20 Years  
Valerie Brown, 30 Years  
Bartolo Ortiz, 39 Years

# ALWG Squadron Combines Function and Fellowship

*By Capt Rayburn Harkey*

Prior to Wing events, such as SARXs and the recent Wing Conference, the Tuscaloosa Squadron (AL024) frequently plans a plane washing with the opportunity for members and their guests to fellowship after the work is done. With the Wing Conference right around the corner, the Squadron Commander, 1st Lt Poole, scheduled an April



plane-washing event and invited all members to participate. This is an event the Tuscaloosa Squadron enjoys regularly.

Everyone was encouraged to bring his/her family and enjoy a cookout following the plane-washing. Much to everyone's surprise, Commander Claude

Poole proved to be an excellent chef, and served up mountains of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs to eager members and their guests on

the terminal ramp of Tuscaloosa Municipal Airport.

The squadron aircraft, N9522X, is equipped with SDIS capabilities, which have been used on several missions since installation. Ten squadron members are qualified to operate the new system, and additional members are in the process of receiving SDIS certification. The goal of the Tuscaloosa Squadron is to have rapid-response capabilities, with numerous trained back-up crews in the event of any incident.

*Capt Harkey is the Tuscaloosa Squadron PAO*

## FL Cadets Participate in ALS

On May 19, 2006, 15 cadets ranging from C/Amn-C/SSgt came to Sand Hill Boy Scout Reservation in Brooksville, Florida and participated as basics in the first Airman Leadership School hosted by Group 3. Cadets came to this activity with the understanding that they would learn how to be followers in leadership and learn about Cadet Programs. Not only did they learn, but they experienced much more.

The cadets participated in classes in leadership that covered

being a Follower, NCO and Officer. Other classes over the weekend covered Customs & Courtesies, Role of an NCO, Emergency Services, Special Activities, Fundamentals of Speech, Study Habits, Drills and Ceremonies, and much more. A cadet was asked what he enjoyed most during the weekend, and he said, "I enjoyed the class on The Role of an NCO, because someday soon I will be a sergeant in my unit." The Command and Support Staff also learned a lot through the weekend.

*By C/Capt Michael J. Staples*

The ALS staff did an extraordinary job, from planning and organizing this activity (by C/Capt Michael J. Staples and 1st Lt David Leach, and members of Group 3), to its execution (led by 1st Lt Michael Karayianes as the activity Commander and C/Capt Michael Staples).

ALS or FLWG CALC (Cadet Airman Learning Course) will be coming soon, so we hope that many more cadets and seniors will participate in this wonderful event.

*C/Capt Staples was the ALS C/CC, Polk County Composite Squadron*





# GAWG Members Visit Air Force Museum

By Captain Jim Phillips

Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron members relived history recently during a visit to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and Heritage Center in Pooler, GA.

Through financial assistance by



**Below:** Cadets C/Capt Grimm, C/Basic Smith, C/1st Lt Traver, C/MSgt Martin meet a WWII fighter pilot while touring the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and Heritage Center in Pooler, GA.

## Pilgrim Passes Away

By Capt Jim Phillips

A historically significant member of the Civil Air Patrol's World War II history has passed away.

Samuel W. Pilgrim, Jr., who flew from the Charleston, SC Coastal Patrol Base, was honored with an Air Medal, and featured on pages 181-183 of Louis E. Keefer's book entitled *From Maine to Mexico*.

Mr. Pilgrim, passed away in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 84 on May 15, 2006. He was an occasional visitor to the Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron open houses and regularly seen up until recently fly-ing his Pipe J-3 around Savannah.

Capt Phillips is the PAO, Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron



Gulfstream, a General Dynamics owned aircraft manufacturer, the teenage Cadets and adult members of the all civilian, all volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force spent the day meeting with former aviators and veterans while touring exhibits and partaking in a variety of aerospace education opportunities.

The event was coordinated by Captain Jeremy

McKenzie, Lieutenant Nicole McKenzie, and Cadet Program director Lieutenant Marcus Smith.



Group pose alongside a Russian built MIG 17 fighter.

## Chaplains Service Staff College Focuses on CISM

By Chaplain Oscar Cope

Our 2006 Southeast Region Chaplains Service Staff College is now history. Meeting at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, we had 28 Chaplains and 7 Moral Leadership Officers for a total of 35 in attendance. We had 42 who attended our Wednesday night banquet; no one should have gone away hungry!

The focus of this year's Staff College was Critical Incident Stress Management. Instructor Lt Col Sherry Jones taught with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. The Aerospace Education tour of the Air Museum at Robins was an added touch to the college.

Plans are already underway for the 2007 SERCSC. Our main focus will likely be Mission Chaplain Certification and perhaps we will meet at Fort Benning, GA. None of these details have been



worked out, so stay tuned!

A special word of thanks goes to our SER Chaplain's Staff and to Wing Chaplains Carson, Hedges, Hyde, Moore, Rodriguez, and Simmons. Without their support and promotion the Staff College would be a "no show and a no go!" It seems that being on a base and staying close by does boost our attendance. We are trying to stay in the geographic center of our region which helps our numbers.

Let us continue to be diligent and vigilant in praying for and serving our great country.



Chaplains and MLOs present at SERCSC

# From the DMSP Director

*Chaplain Lt Col Dewey E. Painter, Sr.*

The 40-foot overseas container sent to the US Army in Afghanistan several weeks ago should be arriving there any day. Capt Roderick McLeod of the 53D Brigade Combat Team at Camp Phoenix in Kabul is ready to receive the shipment. The troops in the unit are volunteering to spend their off-duty time rebuilding the schools in the area, and in helping the Afghan children. They sent a request through channels for us not to send any more "Share Packages" to them personally, but instead to send as many school supplies as possible to help the kids.



We put out the word in the local community, and with the generous assistance of schools, churches, veterans groups, the City of Jacksonville and others who supplied the materials, and the logistical expertise of Mission Harvest America who did the sorting, packing and shipping, we were able to put together over 25,000 pounds of school supplies. And of course, we also included plenty of "goodies" for our troops!

Florida Governor Jeb Bush just returned from a tour of the war zone. While in Afghanistan, he met with Capt McLeod, since the 53D is a Florida unit. We are very proud of our "home-town" troops and the work

they are doing in that war-torn land. Leave it to American military men and women to start rebuilding the country, and getting to know the kids while they are deployed there!

When we received the request for school supplies, we decided that we weren't going to just send a few measly boxes. We wanted to send a significant quantity for our troops to work with. With your help, we did that... in spades! Thanks to all who participated in making this shipment happen. And I will add a hearty "Well Done"!



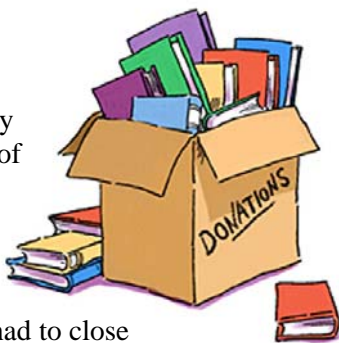
**Capt McLeod and Governor Jeb Bush**

## Got Books?

*By Maj Vickie Meyer*

Got books? The troops in Iraq do, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Marianne Lortz, of Once & Again Book Store in Melbourne, FL.

Due to economic reasons, Marianne had to close the doors recently to her book store, after 4½ years of business. Since I was a regular customer, I was in the store purchasing a few books before the doors closed. I overheard Marianne say she wished she had someone to donate the books to. I asked her if she would want to donate them for Chaplain Painter's "soldier boxes." She jumped at the opportunity.



I made a few phone calls, and had it set up with Chaplain Painter to send his 24 ft truck, driven by

Rose, from Jacksonville to Melbourne, to pick up the books. Then we began to pack, and pack, and pack, and pack. We ran out of boxes, so I asked Publix to donate the paper bags. They did, and they did, and they did.... You see, it takes a lot of boxes and bags to pack 50,000 books.

Yes, that's right, 50,000 books were donated by Marianne to be sent to our troops. Every book you can imagine; mystery, war stories, fiction, love stories, sports, hard-back, paperback, etc. We packed for four days.

Rose arrived to get the books, and we soon realized that one truck

would not be enough. She had to drive back with her helper, Steve, to have the truck unloaded and drive back the next day to reload again. Marianne also donated the book shelves, a cash register, and adding machine, a microwave, and many other items from the store.

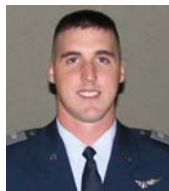
With a few hours, Chaplain Painter had his volunteers already stuffing the books into the soldier boxes, and they were being prepared to go to our troops. What a great feeling.

Thanks to all the volunteers on both ends, of which I was not able to get names, to helped to box, bag, load, unload, and repack, the books. I know the troops appreciate it. In fact, my son-in-law Michael is already reading some of the books sent. Yes, he's in Iraq for the 9th time. He'll be home in September.



## ALWG Cadet & SM of the Year

**Capt Brett Matcheck**, was a Cadet Colonel when he was nominated for and awarded the **Cadet of the Year**. He moved to the Senior Member program and became the Deputy Commander for Cadets in the Auburn Composite Squadron. He received the Spaatz Award #1476 in September 2002. He was a IACE participant in 2002 to Holland, has attended encampments in CO, GA, and AL, as well as National Ground Search and Rescue, The National Flight Academy Glider, and COS.



He was Cadet of the Year for 2005 in Alabama and Cadet of the Year 2003 in Georgia, while he was a member of the Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron. He is a ground team member, a private pilot and holds jump wings as an Air Force Basic Parachutist. Attending Auburn University, he serves as the Wing Commander Air Force ROTC at the University.

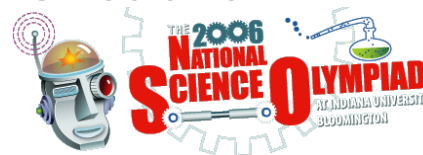
**Major Jay Holland, ALWG Senior Member of the Year** joined CAP in 1997 in London, Kentucky where he worked as an Air Traffic Controller with the Flight Service



Option. He transferred to the Anniston Flight Service Station where I work as a Flight Service Specialist. He has served as the Counterdrug Officer (CDO) job since 2001. He has several projects under way such as E-rad flying/SDIS/Archer and all the CD projects and training that goes with the job. Major Holland is a Multi – Commercial – Instrument pilot with over 1500 hours. I also fly the GA8 for all the Archer trainees at the Maxwell AFB.

## AE Education Affects Teacher

*By Kathy Resnick and Dave Garner*



Little did I know when I took my first aerospace class that it would lead me on this wonderful journey of becoming a Science Olympiad coach.

Taking that first class was so much fun and exciting, I knew that I needed to teach science at the middle school level. At the beginning of this year I was asked if I would be willing to coach an event... or two. One of the events was Solar Systems and the other was Sounds of Music. Recently, I was able to watch as two excited students walked across the stage collecting their medals for first place in the Solar System event at the Tennessee State Science Olympiad Competition. I was blessed with the opportunity to continue building on the foundation laid their coach from previous years, Dr. Elston.

Aerospace courses are worthwhile and CAP can directly influence teachers, increase their ability to teach at a higher level and help students and teachers pursue their dreams and goals.

P.S. The Bearden Middle School team earned first place for overall school competition. At the National Competition in May in Indiana the team placed 27th.

## Region Medical

*By Lt Col Patricia Faunt*

### Medicine FOOD

These foods contribute to good health.



1. Beans: High in fiber and folate. Beans can help lower cholesterol and LDL levels, they scavenge free radicals, moderate insulin levels and reduce cancer risk. Eat two, half-cup servings a day. Can be either canned or cooked fresh.

2. Wild Salmon: Contains large amounts of omega-3, a fatty acid that reduces the risk of heart disease and heart attack by lowering blood pressure and bad cholesterol. A serving size is 3 oz. 12 oz. a week is recommended.

3. Walnuts: Another good source of omega-3 fatty acids. It's the only nut that contains ellagic acid, a cancer-fighting antioxidant. Eat one ounce (14 walnut halves) daily.

4. Tomatoes: These contain lycopene plus other beneficial phytochemicals that protect against heart attack, cancers and age-related

macular degeneration. Eat one serving per day with a little bit of olive oil to help absorb the lycopene. A serving is 1-cup cherry tomatoes, ½ cup sauce, 1 medium raw tomato or 6 oz. juice.

5. Sweet potatoes: Contain beta-carotene and boost the immune system. Eat at least 1½ cups a day. Other beta-carotene produce are carrots, butternut squash, pumpkin and orange bell peppers.

6. Blueberries: These are truly a superfood and provide more antioxidants than any other fruit or vegetable. They contain substances that fight cancer, heart disease and age related memory loss. Eat ½ cup fresh or frozen or ¼ cup dried blueberries every day.

7. Dark Chocolate: Yummy! The darker the chocolate the higher antioxidant content. Eat a 1 oz serving daily. Or grapes, and green tea. All are high in polyphenols.

Remember, a varied diet is still your best bet for good nutrition. Adding these superfoods may provide added protection, and they are worth considering. Be aware and take care.

*Lt Col Faunt is the SER Nurse Officer*

# ALWG Conference April 28-29 Update

By Maj Patricia Mitcham

"It was the best conference I've ever attended," was the comment generally heard after the Alabama Wing held its annual conference in Huntsville, Alabama at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

The conference began with a Commander's Reception on Friday night. After a buffet dinner, Ralph Hood kept the group attending holding their sides with laughter. His subject was "It's Clear on Top." Humor, laughter, and a serious message about meeting life's problems and how Civil Air Patrol helps us "get above the weather" held everyone's attention.

A continental breakfast with rolls, coffee, and orange juice greeted members on Saturday morning, registration opened, and members assembled for the morning general session. The Blue Notes, a Huntsville Police Officers singing quartet, entertained during breakfast as members found seats. The Blue Notes sang the National Anthem and Chaplain M. Hicks gave the invocation and the conference began. Lt Col Larry Becker, the coordinator of the conference, presided over the morning session.

Mr. Matt Mason, Manager, Technical Services and Piston Oil Research & Development, Air BP Lubricants division of BP, Castrol Oil spoke on statistics and the benefits of aviation products for aircraft.

The keynote speaker was Paul W. Johnson from NASA. He is currently an Aerospace Engineer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) George C. Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, Alabama. Working within the Safety

and Mission Assurance Office (S&MA), his tasks have included being a lead engineer for space flight hardware destined to fly on-board the Space Shuttle, to the International Space Station (ISS). Currently he has been tasked with



**Squadron of Merit Awarded**

*L to R, Maj Bruce Gearhart, Lt Col Ed Wilson, cadets Jacob Oakley (in front), Matthew Womack, Ryan McDowell, Dallas Hernandez, and Col Mike Oakman*

working on multiple projects for the new space initiative to the Moon and Mars. Mr. Johnson is an active member of the Huntsville Composite Squadron.

His topic was NASA: Past, Present and Future. He talked about the past accomplishments of NASA and about the current missions, such as the Space Shuttle and planetary missions. In his multimedia presentation, he was able to show slides of the moon and Mars mission vehicles, as well as photos taken by the Hubble. Cadets and senior members alike listened to his enthusiastic speech about NASA.

The door prizes, donated by the three area airports and various community businesses, included an aviation headset, a computer carry-on case, a golf weekend, original oil paintings, and gift certificates.

Cadets and some of the senior members were able to register for

a trip to the Space and Rocket Center during the afternoon. Breakout sections were conducted in Communications, Public Affairs, Emergency Services, ARCHER information, and other topics of interest to members.

Cadet Capt Kraft was presented his Earhart Award by Col John Tilton, SER Commander and Col Michael Oakman, Alabama Wing Commander. He is a member of the Redstone Composite Squadron. Maj Randall Haney and Capt Peggy Haney accepted the charter for the new Middle School Cadet Squadron in Boaz, AL.

Awards were presented by Col John Tilton, Col Mike Oakman, and Lt Col Walter Williams, Vice-Commander for the Alabama Wing. The Squadron of Merit, the Autauga-Elmore Squadron was given a streamer to attach to their squadron flag.

"Homeland" provided the entertainment during the Saturday evening banquet. Their patriotic performance emphasized the spirit of the volunteer and admiration of the service people who have served in the Armed Forces defending the freedoms of Americans. Dry eyes could not be found when a tribute to fallen marines was sung.

Col Michael Oakman presented awards. Captain Brett Matcheck received the Cadet of the Year Award. Capt Matcheck was a Cadet Colonel when nominated and chosen as Cadet of the Year. He is now the Deputy Commander for Cadets in the Auburn Composite Squadron. Redstone Composite Squadron received the Award for Squadron of the Year, and Maj Jay Holland received Senior Member of the Year.



## Boca Raton Honors Soldiers

Memorial Day means remembering our soldiers who have fought and died in service to our country.

Fifteen members of Boca Raton Composite Squadron joined the ceremony organized by the Veterans Coalition of South Florida at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday.

The squadron's Color Guard Commander, C/SMSGT Michael Lima was

pleased that he had two Cadet Color Guards proudly carrying the flags for the Disabled



C/SrA John Clark, C/SMSGT Michael Lima, C/AB Judah Brown, C/A1C Joseph Mallon, C/SrA Gabriel Guimaraes participate performing Color Guard duties.

American Veterans. "It was the very first time for three of our ten cadets to perform Color Guard duties. They did very

well," reports WWII Veteran and CAP Major Bill Bottle. The Squadron Cadet Commander, Captain Christina Zarrilli led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and along with C/CMSGT Brandon Thomas and C/SMSGT Michael Lima laid

flowers at

the Veterans' Wreath. The squadron was dismayed

to learn of the recent theft of money from Veterans Of Foreign Wars Poppy drive to help



**At VFW Poppy Drive, members of Boca Raton Composite Squadron work with veterans to help veterans.**

veterans and their families. Squadron members have assisted in past Poppy drives. C/Amn Shaunda Crowling said, "It is hard to believe that someone would take money designated to help veterans injured fighting for freedom. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those who served and those who gave their lives

## In and Around the Region



By 1st Lt Corey S. Halaychik

### Grimes Promoted

Maj Debbie Grimes receives her gold oak leaves from FLWG Commander, Col Levitch (L) and Group 9 Commander, Maj Van Vredenburg (R) during the awards ceremony at the 2006 FLWG Conference.



By C/1st Lt Isaac Tamblingson

### Marion County Composite tours Marion County Sheriff's Aviation Unit

Cadets and Seniors toured both helicopters and the aviation complex and were shown actual footage of pursuits and the use of Forward Looking Infrared cameras.



By 1st Lt John Clark

### Donations Generated

Pilots and guests that fly into Okeechobee County Airport for fuel or stop for a meal at the airport café, have the opportunity once a quarter to get their aircraft washed for a donation for squadron activities.



to protect our country. As a new cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, this was my first time being part of this important tribute to our courageous soldiers, brave veterans and honored dead.”

VFW Post 10556 Commander Barry Goldin says, “It is wonderful to have these young cadets participate in these ceremonies and to understand that our country’s freedoms and democratic way of life is hard earned.”

## Coral Springs Ceremony

It has been a tradition for the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron to assist both the City of Coral Springs and the American Legion in conducting a flag ceremony at the Veterans Park on Memorial Day. This year, eleven Cadets and four Senior Members were present. Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Matthew DiLeonardo honored the col-

ors with his rendition of Retreat. Members of the Honor Guard and Color Guard were present. First Lieutenant Fedun sang the national anthem. First Lieutenant Mitchell Drucker was the Senior Member in charge of the event. Cadets and Senior Members participating in the ceremony were: 1st Lt Drucker, 1st Lt Fedun, SM Segreto, SM Vause,



C/Capt Daley, C/2nd Lt DiLeonardo, C/2nd Lt Abhaisingh, C/MSgt Marty, C/SSgt Rice, C/A1C Segredo, C/A1C Owens, C/A1C Zapata, C/A1C Vasquez, C/Amn Vause and C/Amn Statchura.



Cadets place wreath at Memorial Day Service



## News and Events of Note to the SER



### Bartow-Etawah Composite Squadron at American Heroes Air Show

*The Ground Team, Cadets Nester, Leverett, Collins, Collins, Collins and Collins participate at the Air Show in Canton, GA, May 5.*



### Beech Baron N9733Y, SEADS Ops regular, has been sold

*Col Andy Skiba isn't giving up on flying because he's selling his Baron. He'll continue to support SEADS programs and other Counter Drug and CAP programs.*



### Quinton Fenley receives Spaatz Award

*C/Col Fenley received his Spaatz Award #1599 on April 24, 2006 after completing the Cadet Program with North Tampa Cadet Squadron. Fenley smiles with Maj Gen Pineda, Col Tilton, and Col Levitch.*

# FL Wing Annual Awards Banquet 2006

By 1st Lt Gail Swanson

The Florida Wing Annual Awards Banquet 2006 held on May 6 was opened with the Presentation of Colors by the Homestead Air Reserve Base Cadet Squadron color guard. Chaplain Major Thomas Carson gave the invocation. Colonel Dan Levitch, FL Wing Commander, addressed Florida Wing Civil Air Patrol members and Maj General Tony Pineda, as well as Col Danny McKnight, United States Army, retired, who was the subject of the movie "Black Hawk Down."

Levitch said, "As we recognize the award winners of Florida Wing this evening, I hope that you will return to your squadrons thinking that you would like to be recognized next year. Thank you for everything you do for Civil Air Patrol and your communities every day."

Introduction of Honored Guests was given by emcee Col Maurice Thomas, Washington D.C. It is fair to say that everyone enjoyed the great job he did and his very amusing antics when appropriate.

Col John Tilton, Southeast Region Commander, emphasized, "We are a family. We know how to do the job." State Director Jerry Angley informed members, "The State is excited about all of the CAP support. Keep doing what you are doing. You are doing a fantastic job!" National Executive Director Don Rowland reminded members that "as a Floridian, it's good to be home."

CAP National Missions Director John Salvador welcomed all to "come visit us at National Headquarters." He noted that over 1,000 air sorties had been flown for SDIS missions last year, and this year they will pre-deploy assets if disaster should occur.

Salvador also told the audience

that Aerospace Education remains a core program in CAP. "Fly a Teacher" program needs more promotion and \$500 is available for flights. There will also be new programs for training leaders of cadets. It was encouraged that more CAP members attend National Staff College, and it is one of the best professional educations available.



**Col Danny McKnight speaks with C/Capt Ryan McCord, Maj General Pineda's conference escort, also Cadet Commander, Weston Cadet Squadron, Group 11.**

There is a new optional picture ID card available on the CAP National web site, and "the new recruiting tool of the future is *Volunteer* magazine," he said.

Florida Cadet Advisory Council Chairman C/1st Lt Danielle Roth gave a stunning speech on how the cadet program has helped her throughout the years. She told senior members they are a very important factor in the lives of cadets, and she thanked them for it. It was apparent that her words helped strengthen member's ongoing determination and dedication to serve.

After dinner, CAP National Commander Maj General Pineda addressed the members.

Col Danny McKnight was the

keynote speaker. McKnight thanked the Florida Wing and was very impressed with the posting of the colors. "You are truly the best of the best country, the United States of America. You do it every day you are asked to do it," he said.

McKnight is former Army battalion commander for the 3rd Ranger Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment. In October 1993 he was assigned to help capture Somalian warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid in Mogadishu. Civil war was rampant, thousands died, people were starving, and Aidid was stealing United Nations relief supplies. McKnight is portrayed in the famous movie "Black Hawk Down," as himself. The actor representing McKnight and what he did during this fight appears throughout the movie.

McKnight talked about "the sacrifice" then and now, of soldiers fighting for America, and the reason they must do so. Looking straight at CAP members in the audience, he said, "I know you get it, you understand it, but many in America do not." McKnight's new mission is to travel across the country to inform others on why we must fight for our freedom.

McKnight retired from the service January 2002 and relocated to Brevard County to spend time with his mother. He is now the first Homeland Security coordinator for Brevard County. McKnight closed his speech by playing the song, "Proud to be an American" while he showed his photos on a projector. There wasn't a dry eye in the house, and CAP members sang the song as it was played.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Maj Thomas Carson.

The Homestead Air Reserve Base Cadet Squadron color guard retired the Colors.



# Squadron Supports EAA “Kids with Cancer”

By 1st Lt John Clark

Senior and cadet members from the Okeechobee 453rd Composite Squadron gave their support to the North County Airport Experimental Aircraft Association, (EAA) Chapter 203 on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 14th.

The local EAA Chapter gave “Kids with Cancer” an opportunity to participate in the “Young Eagle” flights. Many children ages eight to eighteen years took to the skies on a beautiful day. Most of the “Young Eagle” flyers flew in fixed wing aircraft, while a few lucky ones flew in rotary aircraft. “Kids with Cancer” were also treated to a

pancake breakfast provided by the local EAA chapter, a viewing of a parachute jump and news media coverage from the local CBS station, WPEC, Channel 12.

The Okeechobee Composite Squadron was responsible for the security on the static line, which displayed a World War II, P51 Mustang. In addition, members put to skills of air marshaling techniques in providing ground traffic at the airport.



Cadets 2nd Lt Clark & Airman Boyd pose with “Kids with Cancer.”

Photo by 1st Lt John Clark

1st Lt Clark is the PAO, Group 4, Patrick AFB

## FL Squadron Airs TV Show

Naples Senior Squadron FL-023 announces that “We Serve to Save” aired on Lee County Government Television in May.

Hosted by SM Jeffrey Maturo, the program underscores the core mission and values of the Civil Air Patrol which include Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Operations. This entertaining and informative first episode of “We Serve to Save” started with the beginning of aviation, reliving the rich history behind the Wright Brothers and their creation, the Wright Flyer. In addition, viewers saw a brief history of the Civil Air Patrol and our Homeland Security capabilities first hand.

Maturo (L) joins NBC-2 Weather Anchor Jim Syoen on set to discuss the predicted upcoming busy hurricane season.



## Miami Senior Squadron One Members Receive Awards

By Capt Jack Knowles

A special awards ceremony was held at Miami Senior Squadron One (MSS1), a squadron which meets at the US Coast Guard Station in Opa Locka, FL. Squadron Commander Capt Jack Knowles, with the assistance of Lt Col Gerald Glass (Operations) and Captain Brett Gordon (Squadron Deputy Commander), conducted the awards ceremony.

SM Isaac Rodriguez was promoted to 2nd Lt. SM Francisco Zangerolame and 1st Lt Lisa Alberio were awarded the Aerospace Education Achievement Award and ribbon, also known as the Yeager Award. The following members were awarded a certificate and a Membership Ribbon for completing CPPT and Orientation and completing their Level I: 2nd Lt Isaac Rodriguez, SM Rishi Jeethan, SM Dennis Scott, SM Joseph Rivera, and SM Forest Bahr.



“MSS1 has seen nine new members join since the beginning of the year. This is attributed to the COHORT which is felt within the unit. I invite you all to keep up the good work and build on your success as a unit. Your self-motivation will carry you far in the Civil Air Patrol.” These were the final words of Capt Knowles as he is to leave his squadron and move to the Tampa area. “I will miss them all, they are highly motivated,” he said.

Capt Knowles is the Commander, Miami Senior Squadron One

# FLWG Squadron Honors Veterans

By 2nd Lt Mark F. Sweitzer

On Saturday, March 27, 2006, members of the Gainesville Composite Squadron joined forces with the Young Marines, ROTC cadets and other groups at the VFW post in Gainesville, Florida. The goal was to place flags on the grave sites of all the veterans at all the cemeteries in town. By personal estimate, more than 75 people were in attendance from the various organizations.

Everyone gathered at 0700 at the VFW post. The post commander then assigned people to various cemeteries around town to place the flags. CAP cadets stayed together and went to a cemetery on the northwest side of town. They are exactly not sure how many flags they placed there, but an estimate would be more than 250 flags. By the time they were done, a veritable forest of small American flags adorned the cemetery. The few leftover flags were arranged at the entrance, forming a welcoming corridor to those who wished to pay their last respects to our nation's veterans.

Afterwards, the VFW post cooked breakfast for all those who participated. The Gainesville Composite Squadron had the honor of posting the colors. The VFW post had also arranged for the local Bloodmobile to be there, and a number of CAP senior members donated blood as well. By 1100 hours, all was concluded. The post commander thanked Gainesville Squadron Commander Captain Leslie Ballard for continuing this annual tradition. The VFW post looks forward to next year and more cooperation between the two organizations.

2nd Lt Sweitzer is the FLWG Group 2 PAO

# Public Affairs

By 1st Lt Kelly Green Sharkey

When my husband, Col Matt Sharkey, and I were dating, we started exchanging quotes that inspire us. Recently I found one by Theodore Roosevelt that reminds me of him, and of the teamwork that produces a productive, efficient, and happy organization: "The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it."

Those of us in the public affairs arena know that some aspects of the "publishing" process seem like meddling but are, in fact, letting people do their job and use their skills and talents.

Case in point: editors. Some writers resent the fact that their work is changed. Feelings get hurt and people feel their writing isn't



"good enough."

I faced this a lot as an associate editor for a national magazine. Some writers downright resented one word being altered, cut out, or changed in any way. Then there were others who appreciated the honing and recognized that editing is a part of the process.

There are those writers who self-edit and understand the publication's target audience and mission. These writers need little or no refinement. They can hear the "voice" of the publication in the head and tailor their writing to meet that specific need. The rest of us require the skill set an editor provides. He or she "pulls out" of a writer an end result that both can be proud of.

Perhaps your writing is edited heavily, or not published at all. Don't look at this as failure, but an opportunity to work with your team. I, for one, am here to help, but not to meddle.

Let's work as a team and promote our "Missions for America."

# Cadet Programs

By Maj Vickie Meyer

I would like to make a correction to the article which I wrote for last month's SER Newsletter regarding the recent SER Cadet Competition...

The article stated that the Puerto Rico Wing Color Guard has taken second place in the competition, and did not mention Georgia Wing at all. This is my error, and I apologize for this omission.

In fact, the Puerto Rico and Georgia Wing Color Guards actually tied for second place. They will both have the honor of claiming that title. It takes hard work and dedication to put in the hours to train for this competition, and each team deserves to



carry this award with all the bragging rights that go with it.

For purposes of representing the SER at the National Cadet Competition in Washington, D.C., should the first place winners, Florida Wing, not be able to attend, Puerto Rico will have that right. This decision is based on the ROE 5.4, which states that the tie breaker will be the written exam. Puerto Rico Wing beat Georgia Wing in this event, by a VERY small amount, and therefore, Puerto Rico takes the title of tie-breaker.

I applaud both teams for doing so well at the competition, and I look forward to next years competition and watching these two teams compete against each other again.

Congratulations to all those involved in this years SER Cadet Competition.



# CAP Participates in Air Show

The Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron participated in the Vidalia Onion Festival Airshow. The squadron displayed CAPFLT 921, a Cessna 172 used for search and rescue missions and for cadet orientation flights.

Visitors to the show were allowed to sit inside CAPFLT 921 and talk with pilots and flightcrews regarding aviation.



## Safety

By Maj Ernie Manzano

The Southeast Region Safety Group has a job opportunity for the right person. We're looking for a Ground Safety Officer. The entrant needs to have completed Level 3 and must be in the safety specialty track, in addition to being a ground team or UDF member or logistics officer. Entrants cannot be pilots.



If you have an interest in this position, please contact me at: [emanzano@scioncv.com](mailto:emanzano@scioncv.com).

# May SER SM Awards

## Gill Robb Wilson Award

- Maj Jack W. Arnold, GA
- Paul E. Garber Award
- Lt Col Thomas R. Holter, AL
- Maj John R. Kachenmeister, FL
- Maj James W. Martinez-Ruiz, FL

## Grover Loening Award

- Capt Darryl T. Barry, AL
- Maj David C. Leali, FL
- Capt Larry R. Lang, FL
- Maj Tracey A. Stark, FL
- Capt Edward Garcia-Gonzalez, PR
- Capt Marie A. Rivera, PR
- Capt Miguel A. Rivera, PR
- 1st Lt Eric R. Diaz, PR

## Brig Gen. Chuck Yeager Aerospace Education Award

- Gerald R. Lusk, AL
- Michael A. Betzold, TN
- Matthew J. Hayduk, TN

# AL024 Awards and Promotions

At the recent Wing conference held in Huntsville, several members of the Tuscaloosa Composite Squadron were awarded certificates recognizing their service to the Civil Air Patrol.



From left to right are 2nd Lt Russell Moore, 1st Lt Claude Poole, and 1st Lt Jerry Lusk who received

The Commander's Commendation Award for Outstanding Duty performed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Chaplain Capt Roger Bennett received a certificate acknowledging his Level 2 achievement while attending the Chaplain's Service Regional Staff College. Bennett also received recognition for completion of the Critical Incident Stress Management – Group Crisis Intervention course.



Tuscaloosa Squadron members receiving promotions are from left to right Claude Poole to 1st Lt, Josh Wakefield to 2nd Lt, Russell

Moore to 2nd Lt, Rick Swatloski to 2nd Lt, Jill Sherman to Maj, Ed Barnes

to Capt, Virginia Price to 2nd Lt, Sharon Lusk to 2nd Lt, and Roger Bennett to Chaplain Capt

Congratulations to these members for their efforts in carrying out missions for America!

# May SER Cadet Awards

## Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award

- Martin L. Lohn, FL
- Anthony R. Davila, GA
- Maggie C. Minton, GA
- Adaime Aviles, PR
- Charles E. Watson, TN

## Amelia Earhart Award

- Timothy F. Hines, FL
- Christina A. Zarrilli, FL
- Paul C. Owens, GA
- John C. Traver, GA
- Andrew C. Hanes, MS
- Luis A. Cintron, PR
- Derek C. Chambers, TN

## Gen. Billy Mitchell Award

- Emerald D. Kinard, AL
- Ellis R. Akins, FL
- Joshua B. Anderson, FL
- Lucas Ballestin, FL
- Shane T. Parker, FL
- Nathan J. Porrata, FL
- Jonathan D. Twining, FL
- Cornelius Daniel, GA
- Brandon M. Hill, GA
- Brandon S. Parker, GA
- Kyle A. Wisniewski, GA
- Kenneth Laboy, PR
- Abraham Loyola, PR
- David Rosado Jr., PR
- Ryan G. Voccola, TN

William Gray "Bill" Entenmann, former commander of Charlotte County Composite Squadron, FLWG, passed away on May 25, 2006. A SAR/DR Mission Pilot, Transport Mission Pilot, Scanner, Observer, and Radio Operator, he was also qualified in General ES as an Urban Direction Finding Team Leader. As a proficient Skill Evaluator, Bill trained members to become Mission qualified as Pilots, Scanners, and Observers.

## CAP History

by Capt James L. Shaw, Jr.

I love being a Civil Air Patrol historian. There are a few things that I feel a Historian of any sort needs to have. **First** is the sense of curiosity, wanting to know more about a subject whether it is Civil Air Patrol, the Civil War, or Family Genealogy. We always seem to want to know a little bit more about it and when we find that out, it just increases our desire to keep going. **Second**, I think every Historian no matter what the subject, needs to have an open mind to the information. It is easy to get a certain mindset and not leave yourself open to new ideas, old ideas, or maybe just something that doesn't agree with your way of thinking. The **Third** is Determination. Determination in the respect that you are willing to use all of your skills in order to achieve or get the information you are looking for. This could be the local library, historical organizations, individuals, internet, periodicals and the like. Don't give up on the search because the information may not be easily available. The **last** is a sense of sharing. There are probably hundreds maybe even thousands of people who have the same interest. Find a way to share what you have learned and maybe even help them discover there curious side.

Now that that is done I have something to share. Six months ago I was looking for a new CAP history book of some sort to add to my collection. I use all types of sources such as the ones listed above. I came across a book that was published in 1944 titled *Coastal Patrol Base 21*. Naturally I

inquired about it through the listed seller. Much to my disappointment he did not know where the book was but said he would keep on looking and offered a 20% discount should he find it: I tucked the email away for future use.

About 2 weeks ago he contacted me about the book. He had located it and wanted to know if I was still interested in it. He also had another buyer interested and wanted to give me first right of refusal. I laughed and said no way would I refuse it. So Mr. McChord sent me the book priority after a lengthy conversation about CAP. He honored the discount and I am happy to say the book is great. Please read on about this book.

Coastal Patrol Base 21 was located in Beaufort NC., commanded by Lt Colonel Frank E. Dawson. The book is written by Captain M.J. Warner and Lieutenant G.W. Grove they were both Intelligence Officers. The base was initially chartered September 2, 1942 by order of National Commander Earl L. Johnson. They had 12 Duck Club members including one that did it twice. They had 3 members who were killed in the line of duty: those members were Lt Guy T. Cherry Killed 11/16/42, Capt H.L. Lundquist Killed 06/27/43, and SGT D.S. Williams Killed 06/27/43. Some of the remarkable stats are listed below. Total Missions Flown 3,650 – Hours on Routine Patrol 19,777 – Survivors Rescued 46.

I am amazed every time I come across a book that has this type of information. I intend on digitizing this book and making it available to those who wish to know more.





# Marine Inspires MSWG Cadets

By Maj Eric P. Hudzinski

On May 11, cadets from the Steve Launius Composite Squadron enjoyed hearing from a member of the military aviation community, Capt Marc “Jixie” Hudzinski, USMC, brother of Major Eric Hudzinski, CAP. Capt Hudzinski took time to talk about his career in the Marine Corps. Marc enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1992, served 4 years at Kanahoe Bay in Hawaii as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant, then applied for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP). The MECP program led him here to Ole Miss, where he graduated and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the Marines. After flight training at Pensacola, FL and Whittier Island, WA, he was stationed at Cherry Point, NC, where he was a Radar Intercept Officer in a EA-6B



Capt Marc “Jixie” Hudzinski (USMC),  
C/Capt Josh Locke, C/Capt Jeremy Locke,  
Maj Eric Hudzinski (CAP)

Prowler Squadron. Recently, he volunteered for duty as a Forward Air Controller in an Infantry Battalion, where he did a tour in Iraq, returning a few days before Easter this year.

The cadets asked him various questions, ranging from his experience in Iraq, his experiences as an enlisted man, and as an officer, as well as being in the infantry and in aviation.

As a special treat, Capt “Jixie” presented two awards as well. Cadets Jeremy and Josh Locke recently completed all the requirements for the Amelia Earhart award, which entitled them to the rank of Cadet Captain. It was fitting for them to receive their award from a Captain commissioned in the US Military. The third milestone of the Cadet Program is the Amelia Earhart Award which is earned after completing the first eleven achievements of the program and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award and General Billy Mitchell Award.

## GAWG Cadets Tour Army Helicopter

By Captain Jim Phillips

A US Army AH-64D Apache helicopter paid a surprise visit to teenage cadets and adult members of the Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron.

CAP Lt Col Brett Lewis, who is a US Army Captain assigned to the 1-3 Aviation unit based at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, landed his Apache gunship next to the

CAP squadron facility at Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport.

The AH-64D is one of the latest models of the Apache helicopter originally designed by the Hughes Helicopter Company in Culver City, California and now built by Boeing in Arizona.

Cadets and seniors were given an informative briefing on the aircraft and the role it plays in Army aviation and had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit.



Lt Col Brett Lewis,  
Apache pilot and CAP member.



Members inspect Apache helicopter.

# To Say Thanks, CAP Members Stand and Salute Veterans at Award Ceremony

By 1st Lt Jackie Zarrilli

A first-hand account of being shot down over Germany and taken prisoner of war was a fitting conclusion to this weekend's Memorial Day ceremonies and a very special ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of members of Boca Raton's Civil Air Patrol, the Auxiliary of the US Air Force. WWII Army Air Corps B-24 Bombardier, ex-POW, and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient, Lt Irwin Stovroff spoke about his experiences of living on the edge, as 50 to 60 percent of the allied aircraft did not return from their missions. You could hear a pin drop as he told of being shot down on his 35th mission and taken prisoner by German troops. He spoke of the fear he felt as he threw away his dog tags which identified him as Jewish, the intense interrogation as the enemy tried to extract information from him and his fellow American officers and the irony of learning that the German Commander was a former neighbor from Buffalo New York. Captured at an age not much older than the teens in the audience, he directed his remarks to the cadets as he told them that the way of life, freedoms and democracy they all enjoy is because of the sacrifices of many. The audience rose to their feet to salute and thank Lt Stovroff and all the veterans present for their service to the United State of America.



**Lt Irwin Stovroff and US Air Force Major General John Van Blois are welcomed at the Memorial Day Ceremony**

At this award ceremony, there was acknowledgement of the heroic efforts of members in the aftermath of last season's hurricanes.

The highly coveted Air Force Award was presented by Major General John Van Blois. Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Gert Badenhorst earned both the Air Force Association's Outstanding Cadet for 2005 and the Squadron Cadet of the Year 2005 awards. He serves as the Squadron Cadet Emergency Service Officer, has his CAP radio operators' certification and has passed rigorous



**Capt Crowling and Gen Van Blois present C/Capt Zarrilli with Earhart Award**

Ranger Academy Training in emergency services and is on their staff.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander, Barry Goldin recognized several cadets for their out-

standing academic achievements, leadership skills and community service. C/Capt Christina Zarrilli received VFW 2005 Outstanding Officer Award and VFW 2005 Outstanding NCO Awards recipients were C/CMSgt Gert Badenhorst, C/CMSgt Brandon Thomas and C/SMSgt Michael Lima. Cadets Michael Lima and Kat Jones were also acknowledged as 1st and 2nd place winner of the VFW Post 10556's Voice of Democracy 2005 Audio Essay Contest. These cadets delivered their speeches at Veterans' Day Ceremonies last fall.



**Cadet Color Guard members, Clark, Lima, Hamidani, and Mallon**



# Administration

By Lt Col Evelyn Holdren

## CAPR 39-2, Membership

The regulation for Civil Air Patrol Membership defines all categories of membership, i.e. Cadets, Seniors, Active, Patron, Retired, and Cadet Sponsor Member, Aerospace Education Members, Affiliate Members, State Legislative, Congressional, Honorary, and Life Members.



Definitions for Membership Year, Membership Conditions, and Unit Membership Boards are listed. Under "Personnel Records" the CAP ID numbers, Active Records, Inactive Records, NHQ Membership Records and transfers of membership are included. Details regarding transfer procedures and assignment and duty status are explained. This section covers CAPF 19 and 19A.

The subject of Cadet membership is covered in Chapter 2 of this regulation. Minimum requirements for cadets entering the middle school program are stated including the fact that they may enter the pro-

gram if eleven years of age and are attending the sixth grade. General age requirements of years 12 to 18 are also given. Persons explaining the cadet program to a potential candidate and/or parents need to carefully read the entire contents of Chapter 2. There are citizenship waivers in certain instances and character requirements as well as fact that health certificates may be required. CAPR 52-16, Cadet Program Management contains helpful information for persons working with potential cadets. Cadet application procedures and dues are explained in this regulation.

Senior Membership information is covered in Chapter 3 starting with general facts. A short definition of an active member is given along with descriptions of patron members and details regarding retirement and retired members. There is a description of return to active status. Eligibility for assignment is covered. Members must have completed Level I training or a Cadet must have earned the Billy Mitchel Award Assignment special conditions apply if a member has had a break in service of two years or longer. When assignment is made the member must enroll in appropriate Specialty Track. Very

important positive attribute requirements for Senior Members can be found in this chapter. Conversely a number of inappropriate situations are listed which could be a detriment in obtaining approval for membership. Confidential screening, the FBI check, and Fingerprint cards are discussed.

Cadet Sponsor Memberships are described as a category established to allow parents, grandparents and guardians of current cadets to assist their units with cadet programs, such as providing adult supervision, transportation, and overnight chaperons.

Aerospace Education Members have two categories which are described. Other Types (Congressional Members, State Legislative Members, Fifty-Year Members, Life Members Business Members and Honorary Members) are described.

There is a Memorandum for all CAP Unit Commanders dated 17 January 2006 from Maj Gen Antonio Pineda regarding CAPR 39-2.

Attachments to this regulation are: Category Membership Dues, State Membership Dues, Cadet Membership Check List, Senior Membership Checklist, and sample Fingerprint Card.

## Mayor Visits Squadron

By Capt Jim Phillips

The honorable Mike Lamb, Mayor of the City of Pooler, Georgia was a featured guest of the Savannah Flying Tiger Composite Squadron during their May 25 open house at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport.

Television crews taping the event represented the local Fox, ABC, and CBS affiliates which broadcast their footage on that eve-



ning's 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM newscasts as well as their morning news broadcasts of May 26. The print media was represented by Lynette Spratley of the *Pooler News*. An additional guest was Carol Kennedy with the City of Vidalia, Georgia.

Visitors were allowed to inspect CAPFLT 921 which was on a ramp along



side a pair of Marine Corps Harrier jet fighters and a number of corporate business jets.

Cadets served as tour guides to the visitors and offered a variety of demonstrations while senior members were available at the aircraft and offered demonstrations on SAR mission planning.

# ALWG Searches for Downed Aircraft

*By Maj Patricia Mitcham*

Notified on Wednesday, May 10th, that an aircraft en route from Habersham County, GA, had disappeared from radar in the Tallapoosa and Macon County area of AL, Lt Col Dennis Flowers alerted staff and search efforts by the ALWG began. The Alabama State Troopers' helicopter and the Tallapoosa County Sheriff personnel took part in the search. Wednesday afternoon searches were halted because of the strong storms in the search area.

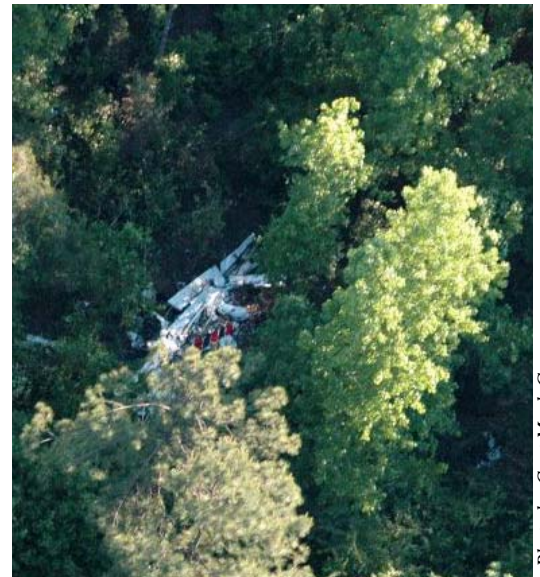
A Mission Base opened at Motton Air Field in Tuskegee, AL, on Thursday morning. By 5:00 AM ground teams had signed in and were dispatched to the search area ready to respond should any sites be found by either the State Trooper helicopter or CAP aircraft.

Five Alabama aircraft flew nine mission sorties, a total of twenty-five flight hours, on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. The Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Recon

(ARCHER) system was used on Thursday because the system is able to identify specific objects or substances by reflected light from an object in spectrums the human eye cannot see. Ground teams from the Autauga-Elmore Composite Squadron and Maxwell Composite Squadron worked tirelessly to investigate possible sites as they were reported by air crews. The SDIS system, also used by CAP, obtained a picture of the site after the wreckage had been located. Over 40 CAP volunteers, cadets and senior members, participated in the search effort over the two day period.

The search area was centered on the Last Known Position (LKP) south of Dadeville and a twenty-five mile radius around it. The terrain is hilly and heavily covered with trees making spotting any wreckage difficult from the air. A ground team composed of CAP Members, State Troopers

and Tallapoosa County Sheriff confirmed positive ID of the aircraft on Thursday afternoon about 4:30 PM CDT. There were no survivors. The Tallapoosa County Sheriff assumed control of the crash site and the ground team returned to Mission Base. NTSB, FAA, and other county officials remained at the site.



*Photo by Capt Mark Gurganus*

**Crash site located**

# Color Guard Honors '06 Graduates

*By 1st Lt Bruce S. Sage*

On the evening of May 22, 2006, the Color Guard Team of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron presented and posted the Colors in honor of the Coral Springs Charter School Class of 2006.

"This team represents the heart and soul of the same squadron that just two weeks ago was named the Florida Wing Squadron of Merit of 2005 and the Florida Wing Aerospace Education Squadron of the Year 2005," said 1st Lt Bruce Sage, Commander, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron. While two of the members will not be able to compete in the next Cadet

Competition due to the fact they have achieved their Mitchell, they are actively training their replacements.



**(L-R) C/ISgt Ross Kaplan, C/2nd Lt Troy Ordierno, C/ 2nd Lt Alex Sage and C/CMSgt David Marty.**

The team has performed at the State of the City Dinner, Coral Springs Holiday Parade, Veterans Day Celebration, and many other events. They currently have on their calendar another graduation, Women of Spanish Origin and the Memorial Day Flag Raising. and Wreath Ceremony in Coral Springs. "These kids never say no and keep the spirit of CAP, its values and training alive," said Sage.

*1st Lt Sage is the Commander, Coral Springs Cadet Squadron*



# Tips for Hurricane Preparedness

By Lt Col Joel Katz

We all know that we need emergency antennas, but how many know that you should be grounding out that generator that you put on the back porch to power up the refrigerator, television and maybe even the HF and VHF radio that was issued to you (or the one you have for your family).

In case you did not know, generator grounding - IS REQUIRED. Many generator manufacturers even put a grounding screw right on the frame. And here is one of the reasons why...

You turn on the fuel flow, put the choke in the start position, turn the switch on and pull the cord to get the motor running. After a few seconds, you are plugging in the cords, not even thinking if the generator is really up to speed or not. What if one of those cords is missing the grounding pin? What if you cut the safety sides of the prong on the neutral side to get it to fit an old outlet? So the socket goes in the plug, but it is the neutral side to the hot side of the generator?

Now you go inside and plug an appliance for this application—let's say the refrigerator—in the proper way, as it *does* have a three prong plug on the end of the cord. What have you just accomplished?

You are energizing the frame of the appliance, which can cause a shock to someone who may be grounded because of leaning against the metal frame of the sink and touching the frame at the same time.

So you think about it and wonder what is wrong with the appliance. After an hour or so it hits you and you run out barefoot in the rain and rotate the male end of the plug into the receptacle correctly, but you also accidentally have the finger against the metal prong of

the plug as it goes in and being nice and wet, you get shocked.

Would this have happened if you used the proper three prong plugs



**Proper maintenance of your generator is essential.**

and the generator was grounded? Remember, if the flow of energy is looking for a route to take back to ground, it will follow the shortest route. A ground rod of 8 to 10 feet, with a good heavy cable run between it and the grounding lug of the generator may avoid dangerous shocks and prevent appliances from being damaged.

While we're on the subject, what are you doing with all those gas cans? Are they empty? Do they contain gasoline vapors? Are they full? Are they vented properly? Is there an ignition source within 10 feet of the cans? Why 10 feet? Simple - Gasoline vapors in a closed garage that is not ventilated properly begin to fill the room. When the percentage of vapor to oxygen reaches the proper level and there is any source of ignition, you have an explosion. This could be your garage door opener, ceiling

light or the air conditioning fan motor.

And when did you say you purchased that generator? Two years ago?! Well, have you changed the oil as it is suggested in the owners manual? Oh, you did not read the manual!? Well, all oil-cooled motors should have their oil changed at least once a year. Mine is done right at the end of the hurricane season so it is nice and clean. I then run the unit about 20 minutes every month to make sure it stays in good working condition. How about you? Oh, you just pour that bluish liquid in the tank and let it do its job. But it must be run at least 20 minutes after you add the conditioner, and in some cases, depending on weather, it could still gum up the carburetor and lines.

I spoke with someone recently who is having a company install clear, see-through hurricane panels on his house. According to him and the web site I visited, these panels are approved by some counties for hurricane shutter application. Some



**Clear shutters protect, and allow light in at the same time.**

are totally clear, others are patterned to allow light in but diffuses it so you can not see what is going on in or outside. They mount just like regular metal shutters with an upper and lower track. They look nice and allows visual inspection with full protection. I like that.

Make sure you are safe and you have a generator that will assist you in helping you accomplish your job as a communicator or, if you're not a communicator, as the protector of your home.

# SER Organizational Chart

